

# **Avon Lake City Schools**



## **Renewal of Permanent Improvement Levy Issue #14**

**Election Date: November 3, 2020**

# Renewal of Permanent Improvement Levy Issue #14

Revenue Generated	\$704,986 per Year
Millage	1.5 Mills
Length of Levy	5 Years
Renewal cost	\$17.27 annually per \$100,000 of appraised value

## ***Not an Increase in Taxes!***

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Avon Lake City School District for the purpose of general permanent improvements at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.15 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2021, first due in calendar year 2022.

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# **Types of Levies (Definitions)**

## **Operating Levy**

For day-to-day operating expenses

Expressed in mills

For a specified period of time or for a continuing period of time

## **Emergency Levy**

For day-to-day operating expenses

Expressed in dollars

Must generate a fixed dollar amount each year it is in effect

For a period not to exceed 10 years

\*The advantage of an emergency levy is that the dollar amount is always the same and it “does not” reduce the State foundation payment.

## **Bond Levy – Cannot be used for daily operations**

For buildings, building improvements, or land acquisition

Pay debt charges on outstanding debt

Expressed in mills

For period of related bond issue

## **Permanent Improvement Levy – Cannot be used for daily operations**

For improvements with an expected life of 5 years or more

Expressed in mills

Up to 5 years or for a continuing period of time

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## **Why does the Avon Lake City School District need a Permanent Improvement Levy?**

School funding in Ohio creates a situation that requires school districts across the state to return to the ballot every 3 to 5 years to ask local taxpayers to support their schools with increased tax dollars. These ballot issues are never easy to pass and school districts, because of levy failures and lost revenue, will “cut” their budgets for maintenance, repair or renovation of school facilities rather than “cut” services that directly affect the students’ education.

Permanent Improvement Levy revenue allows Avon Lake City Schools to create and implement a plan for the care of our facilities that will keep them safe and appropriate for educational use for years to come. Avon Lake Schools’ dedicated maintenance and custodial staff and the Permanent Improvement Levy are the main factors in the District’s ability to provide first-rate facilities for our student and community use year after year.

**The Avon Lake City School District has had a (PI) Permanent Improvement Levy since 1981. This Permanent Improvement Levy was first ratified by Avon Lake voters in 1991. It has been renewed by voters every five (5) years since. This will be the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) renewal.**

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# Past Expenditures

## Permanent Improvement Levy Money

Avon Lake City School District has used this Permanent Improvement Levy revenue since 1986. In the past 5 years this revenue has assisted on many building improvements and district projects such as:

Refurbish and updates to the Auditorium at Learwood Middle School

Public Safety Radio Project at Avon Lake High School

Added and installed cameras on all school buses as part of a joint project with the city

Added turning lane, additional sidewalks at north entrance (Electric Blvd.) of Avon Lake High School

Expanded parking in south parking lot of Avon Lake High School

Resurfaced tennis courts, stadium track, artificial turf and visitor bleachers at Memorial Stadium/Avon Lake High School

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## **Past Expenditures**

### **Permanent Improvement Levy Money (Continued)**

Added LED lighting inside Erieview Elementary School

Added additional security cameras and LED lighting to school parking lots

Replaced 6 school buses

District-wide roof replacements, repairs and proactive roof coatings

District-wide asphalt and concrete replacement and repairs

New furniture in select classrooms across the District

District-wide tree trimming and removal

# I Still Have Questions – Where Can I Get Help?

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